

**Karner Blue HCP  
Implementation and Oversight Committee Meeting  
February 12, 2003, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The Nature Conservancy, 633 West Main Street—Madison**

**IOC MINUTES -- FINAL:**

**Present:** Scott Bernstein, Gary Birch (Moderator), Lori Bowman, Rick Dailey, Jim Heap, Yoyi Hernandez (Recorder), Rob Kudick, Dave Lentz, Peter Moreno, Steve Richter, Scott Swengel.

**Opening**

- Anti-Trust Announcement Dave Lentz

Dave made the anti-trust announcement.

- All attendees introduced themselves to the group.

**Agenda Items**

1. Announcements & Agenda Repair Gary Birch

Dave announced that the Karner segment of the DNR's Emmy Award-winning children's show *Into the Outdoors* will be airing in March.

2. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2002 IOC Meeting Gary

All voted to approve the minutes.

3. Action Items from previous meetings Gary

- Carried Over Action Items

-Action Item: Restarting BioTeam. Dave volunteered to recruit members for the team.  
Status: Still not done. Candidate member Paula Kleintjes suggested by Pam Rasmussen.

**Update Dave:** Still not done.

-Action Item: Dave will talk to Nancy Bozek to see if she will be able to participate in orienting new person.

Status: Peter sent her an invitation. The next Communications Team meeting is Friday, December 13th.

**Update Peter:** Nancy was unable to attend this meeting, but expressed interest in participating.

-Action Item: O&E Specialist (Peter) will collect and include town and county highway inclusions and contact list from landowner contact specialists in the current summary report.

Status: Peter is working on this.

**Update Peter:** Done.

-Action Item: Dave to deliver charge for the Communications Team to assess the requirement and what needs to be done to create a report for the participation plan review.

Status: Peter will be chairing this committee. Next meeting is on December 13th.

**Update Peter:** Communications Team met as scheduled. The meeting went well and work is progressing (see Agenda item #6).

-Action Item: Dave to reconvene Communications Team once O&E specialist is hired and give them their charge, as above, including having a draft report ready by the February 12, 2003 IOC meeting. Status: See above for next meeting. Communications Team will be working on this.

**Update:** On the agenda for this meeting (see item #6).

-Action Item: Sarah will amend the annual reports to be consistent (i.e. including sign as outreach in each year) and adjust the 3-year review summary appropriately.

Status: Sarah has turned this over to Peter, who will be working on it.

**Update Peter:** This work is in progress.

- Action Items from 12/5/02 meeting

-ANR Pipeline requesting a special pre-management survey exclusion: Dave gave a summary of the issue at hand: ANR does not have pre-management surveys for annual mowing of right-of-ways that they are required to do by federal law (see copy of 10/30/02 letter from James Heap to Dave Lentz). Because these areas are mown so frequently, Dave suggested building a pre-management survey exclusion into ANR's SHCA. FWS agreed to this at the last 6-month review meeting. All those present were asked to vote on making this amendment to ANR's SHCA. All were in favor.

IOC DECISION: ANR's SHCA will be amended to include this pre-management survey exclusion.

ACTION ITEM: Dave will send a letter to FWS requesting this amendment.

**Update Dave:** The FWS has agreed verbally to this exclusion. Appropriate documentation has been submitted and we are just waiting for the formal FWS approval.

-Articles of Partnership: Dave reported that the 1994 version of the AOP is what all the partners have been using, but that there is an existing 1995 version that a partner found in his files during an audit. There are some changes between the two versions. Dave passed out copies of both versions, and said that he will be republishing the most recent version of the AOP along with an explanation for all the partners.

ACTION ITEM: Dave will distribute the 1995 version of the AOP to all the partners along with an explanation.

**Update Dave:** Done (see Agenda item #5).

#### 4. DNR staffing updates

Dave

- New HCP Data Manager

Dave introduced Scott Bernstein, the new Data Manager.

- No lepidopterist yet; an alternate approach.

DNR committed to providing the services of a lepidopterist to the partners, but has been unable to secure a permanent position, and can't attract a suitably qualified candidate with a half-time LTE position. Bob Hess, a soon-to-be-retired DNR employee with applicable expertise and extensive knowledge of the Karner blue HCP project, is willing to take on some of the duties of the lepidopterist as a part-time LTE in retirement; duties such as monitoring training, protocol improvements, assisting with other BioTeam issues. This approach may work out well.

## 5. Clarifications and Amendments

Dave

- Dave handed out drafts of four minor amendments for IOC review: Monitoring Training Certification Shelf Life; Pre-management Survey Shelf Life; Effectiveness Monitoring Level II Site Requalification; and Effectiveness Monitoring Level III Site Selection. He said that he discussed these four issues with Cathy Carnes already at the last 6-month review meeting, and feels confident that they will be approved as written. Dave asked that IOC folks get any final comments back to him by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so he can make any necessary revisions before he submits requests to Cathy in early March.

**ACTION ITEM: IOC members will review these four minor amendments and get their comments to Dave by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Dave reviewed other permit amendments, minor amendments and clarifications to the ITP and HCP that are still in progress:

ITP amendments:

- Condition C, C.1: update list of Partner names.
- Condition Y, Y.2: change address for the Green Bay Field Office.
- Condition Y, CC: include full address for Washington office.
- Condition M (recovery plans): extend due date to 5/1/2005

HCP:

-Changed circumstances reporting: requesting reporting deadline be extended from 30 to 90 days. Some additional improvements being made to the report form. Also requesting gypsy moth infestation be deleted from the changed/unforeseen circumstances.

**ACTION ITEM DAVE: Send gypsy moth issue paper to the IOC.**

**ACTION ITEM IOC: Comment to Dave by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Ditching protocol appendix for town and county highway departments, which they may add to their SHCAs if they wish.
- Pesticide guidelines: addition of Bromacil. (Waiting consideration from FWS)
- Where and when pre-management surveys are required: Dave handed out a summary prepared by Yoyi of pre-management survey language in HCP documents, and the relevant issues were reviewed and discussed.

**ACTION ITEM: IOC will review and research existing pre-management survey language and protocol and be ready to discuss potential clarifications or revisions at the next IOC meeting.**

- Other clarifications and notifications:

- NGO/NPO Clarification (voluntary category).
- Compliance Audit Frequency changed from annually to a 3-year rotation. Approved in ITP TE 010064-3.
- IOC Election of Chair by IOC members.
- AOP 1995 is the most recent version (1994 draft had been distributed as a final version).
- Corrected version of forest management guidelines (i.e., Zastrow et al.) distributed.
- New pesticide guidelines released with 9/17/02 date.

6. Communication Team Report Peter Moreno & Dave
- The Communications Team met on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Some important issues discussed: presenting the HCP as a success story, i.e. changing how the ESA is implemented, pushing for reauthorization; streamlining HCP implementation.
  - New Communication Team members:
    - Lori Bowman, representing DATCP
    - Doug Barncard of International Paper, representing the forest industry
  - 3-year review
    - Peter handed out a draft of the 3-year review report. He talked about how the Communications Team discussed using the report to really showcase and highlight HCP partner outreach activities and voluntary participation success stories instead of treating the report only as a FWS requirement.
    - Dave gave some examples of outreach success. Steve said that the report should also highlight conservation success on large private industrial forest holdings. Dave clarified that the report is supposed to highlight the success of the HCP's voluntary participation strategy, but agreed that highlighting partner efforts is also very important if the report is to demonstrate the entire participation strategy.

**ACTION ITEM: The IOC will review the participation strategy 3-year review report draft and provide comments, feedback, and ideas to Peter by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Recruitment campaign for utilities & RRs
  - Peter reported that he and Dave discussed modifying the town and county highway department outreach brochure for the railroads and utilities, with an emphasis on encouraging voluntary participation (the “do the right thing” approach, since their activities do not necessarily result in incidental take and hence, compulsory participation).
- Webpage
  - Peter reported that the DNR does not yet have a well-developed Karner webpage, just a link to the HCP. He handed out and discussed a draft webpage and ideas for links and related documents.
- Newsletter comments
  - Dave asked if anyone had any comments on the latest newsletter. He also reported that he and Peter have discussed regularly publishing a newsletter twice a year.
- Partner Logo
  - Peter passed around some draft drawings for a possible logo. Suggestions and ideas were discussed. Jim Heap asked if the partners would be developing a new outreach brochure. Answer: Yes, the current supply of the “WP&L brochure” is almost exhausted.

7. Inclusions: Update on inclusions in progress Dave

Dave reviewed the partner inclusion spreadsheet that he had handed out earlier.

8. Plan June 25, 2003 HCP Field Trip/picnic Gary & Dave

Dave reported that his only offer so far to host the summer HCP field trip is from Black River State Forest. He and Gary feel that this could be a very good location. There was some discussion of ideas for sites to visit and field trip logistics. Gary asked if anyone had suggestions for other field trip locations. No one did. Gary suggested that in that case, we should go ahead and plan on BRSF. Several people suggested other sites for the future. Lori suggested putting together a list of sites where we would like to plan future summer field trips.

**ACTION ITEM: Include discussion/solicitation of future field trip sites on agenda for summer meeting (ask people what they would like to see).**

9. December 12, 2002 HCP Meeting Evaluation (answer questions/discussion) Yoyi Hernandez

Yoyi handed out copies of the evaluation report and summarized the findings.

**ACTION ITEM: Yoyi will put together a simpler evaluation for the summer field trip to solicit ideas and suggestions for future summer field trip locations and activities.**

10. Distribute/discuss DNR letter sent to FWS R3 Director Bill Hartwig regarding KBB Recovery Plan Dave

Dave reviewed and discussed the letter sent to Bill Hartwig. He emphasized his desire to share this letter with the partners to show that DNR continues to put forth a great deal of effort to uphold the cooperative spirit of the HCP, assure it will be a success, and oppose the KBB draft recovery plan, which DNR feels is an ill-fated approach, especially as it relates to Wisconsin. IOC agreed this should be distributed to the rest of the partners.

**ACTION ITEM: Dave will distribute letter with explanation of its purpose.**

#### Closing

- Yoyi summarized Decisions and Action Items
- Agenda items for next IOC meeting: new business, concerns, or opportunities Gary

Dave reminded everyone that the next IOC meeting would take place right before the 6-month review meeting with the FWS. He asked that folks think about any issues they might want to bring up for discussion at the 6-month review meeting.

- Choose location for next IOC meeting Gary

Gary asked for volunteers to host the next IOC meeting. He offered the DOT facilities again. Rob suggested a location farther north. Dave suggested the UW-Stevens Point Schmeeckle Reserve. Steve offered TNC's Baraboo office. Lori suggested the meeting room at Hancock Agricultural Research Station.

**ACTION ITEM: Dave will try to secure the Schmeeckle Reserve facilities. If these are not available, he will be responsible for finding an alternative location.**

<b>Next IOC meeting is set for Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at Schmeeckle Reserve in Stevens Point.</b>
--

- Meeting Evaluation Gary

Rob and others agreed that, especially for those who have to travel, it was good to push on through the meeting instead of breaking for lunch.

Dave apologized for not getting important materials out to IOC members to review *before* the meeting, and said he would try to work on this.